



Memorandum

TO: ALL CHILDREN ACHIEVE
COMMITTEE

FROM: Sara L. Hensley

**SUBJECT: UPDATE OF JOINT USE AGREEMENTS
WITH SCHOOL DISTRICTS, INCLUDING
SCHOOLS/CITY COLLABORATIVE**

DATE: 02-14-03

Approved

Date

RECOMMENDATION

Accept the Status Report of the Schools/City Collaborative JOINT PLANNING/FACILITY USE SUB-COMMITTEE.

BACKGROUND

The purpose of this report is to update the members of the All Children Achieve Committee on the status of the Schools/City Collaborative Joint Planning/Facility Use Sub-Committee; its purpose, process, products and strategic direction.

Created in 1997, the Schools/City Collaborative was formed by City Council and school district representatives as a vehicle to better coordinate programs and services between the 19 school districts that serve San José youth and the City of San José. The Collaborative is governed by an Executive Board and supported by three sub-committees. The Executive Board of the Collaborative is comprised of school superintendents, school board members, and staff from the Office of the Mayor, the Director of the Department of Parks, Recreation & Neighborhood Services, and staff from the Office of the City Manager. The sub-committees are made up of individuals who are invited by school superintendents, City department heads, and community service agencies. The sub-committees meet on a bi-monthly basis and provide an open forum for school district staff, city staff, and community-based organization members to share information, debate the issues and develop policy/program solutions. Recommendations formulated by the sub-committees are presented to the Executive Board of the Collaborative for approval (Attachment A).

The Joint Planning/Facility Use Sub-Committee supports the Schools/City Collaborative Work Plan through the following one year objectives and related actions for Fiscal Year 2002-2003. The following section will provide an update on the work of the sub-committee.

ANALYSIS

One of the education policy directives of the City of San José was for the school districts and the City to identify collaborative opportunities in the areas of Joint Planning/Facility Use Agreements, Program Planning, and Capital Project Development.

Although the City, the Redevelopment Agency, and the school districts have enjoyed partnerships on development projects such as the Pala Youth Center, the Moreland Community Center, and city sponsored programs like S.A.G.E. and Homework Centers, there is still a need to streamline and simplify the contract process, as well as to improve communication and accountability levels between the partners.

As a result, the Joint Planning/Facility Use Sub-Committee has given special emphasis to streamlining much of the processes and contracts that are administered between the City and school districts. Guided by the Three Year Strategic Goals of the Sub-Committee Work Plan (Attachment B), the following Objectives and Actions were scheduled to take place in FY 2002-03:

- Develop a “prototype” facility use and maintenance agreement to be utilized by the school districts on a voluntary basis. The agreement would offer participating districts a streamlined document that can be amended to address specific contract changes.

Status

- The Sub-Committee met and determined that communication gaps were the significant challenge effecting better coordination and information exchanges related to Joint Use and Capital development projects. Therefore, the sub-committee recommended and staff is developing a “Who’s Who” directory for the Schools/City Collaborative. The production and printing will be done in-house due to City budget cuts.
- The Sub-Committee has also been reviewing joint use agreements from participating districts, so that it can draft a “prototype” facility use and maintenance agreement. However, this work has been suspended so that the Collaborative can focus on the local impacts that may/will result from the projected state budget shortfall. As a result, the Collaborative’s Joint Planning/Facility Use Sub-Committee has prioritized working with City of San José representatives to express individual school district perspectives on which City programs they would prioritize should program reductions be required. In addition, City staff will explore new partnership arrangements that help us all prepare for diminishing resources in the coming years.

- Work with school districts and the City of San José to develop an after-school program model. This new model will provide the City and participating school districts with a more strategic partnership that better directs programs on school campuses toward mutually beneficial outcomes. This model will also better leverage City and School District resources.

Status

- The Sub-Committee is working with the City on developing a better after school model by requesting information about all before, during and after school programming taking place on school campuses. And working with school districts to identify “needs” versus “wants.”
 - The Schools/City Collaborative has participated and provided input during the City’s study and planning process to design a new after school program model.
- Work with the Office of Early Care and Children’s Services to help implement the new City of San José Early Care & Education Strategic Plan – *San José Early Care & Education Strategic Plan*.

Status

- In partnership with East Union High School District and San José Unified, the City will be opening three new Smart Start San José Centers in FY 02-03:
 - Evergreen Valley High School
 - Almaden Elementary
 - San José High School Early Learning Center

With the down turn in the local economy and a \$34.6 billion State budget deficit, the Executive Board of the Schools/City Collaborative has postponed the work of its sub-committees, and is now focusing all its attention on supporting San José schools. The school districts have expressed their concern that the types of cuts proposed in the Governor’s 2003-2004 budget would challenge the ability of the City and the School Districts to maintain basic services and programs.

Governor Davis’ budget proposal recommends taking a percentage of Redevelopment Agency funds to help pay for Proposition 98 education funding. Redirecting San José Redevelopment Agency (SJRA) funds would greatly reduce the funding for future projects. Through SJRA funding, affordable housing programs have been available to many of the cities families (including teachers), and revitalization efforts have taken place in many neighborhoods. The SJRA has greatly assisted the building of parks, enhancing the esthetics of homes and businesses, and promoting safer cleaner streets.

Under the current budget, Governor Davis is proposing a six percent cut across the board in school spending. In Silicon Valley, this cut would dismantle the ability of our public schools to meet the needs of the children they serve. Average Daily Attendance funding would be reduced

by \$4.50 per student. This translates into Silicon Valley schools losing \$45 million dollars annually. Additionally, State requirements give very little flexibility to school districts to independently decide how to distribute resources where they're needed. This impacts the ability schools to hire teachers, to maintain facilities, or to purchase materials and supplies; all of which hurts San José students.

For that reason, the Collaborative is preparing a Joint Legislative Statement to be approved by the City Council and participating School District Boards in the month of March. The proposed statement will urge the Governor and the State Legislature to consider budget proposals that will not so severely impair the ability of the State's public schools to provide quality education to California's children.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

The Schools/City Collaborative meeting notices are mailed out to an extensive list of participants and are posted as open to the public. At the February 3, 2003, the topics in this memo were discussed.

COST IMPLICATIONS

There are no cost implications associated with this report.

COORDINATION

This report has been coordinated with the Schools/City Collaborative, the Mayor's Office, the City Attorney's Office, the Redevelopment Agency and the City Manager's Office.

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